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**RE: U.S. Patent Application for
A METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL
AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION**

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Application No.: 09/101,341)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

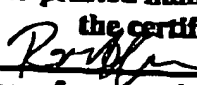
☒ Also enclosed is Request for Examiner-Initialed Form PTO-1449

☐ _____ statement(s) claiming small entity status
☐ are also enclosed ☐ were submitted previously.

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Total Claims	19	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$78.00 =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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